

# Sunday, September 22, 2024



*Taking a child, he placed it in their midst, and putting his arms around it, he said to them, "Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but the One who sent me."*  
 - Mk 9:36-37

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## MASS INTENTIONS

### Monday, September 23, 2024

8:15am: + Nenita Espiritu

### Tuesday, September 24, 2024

8:15am: + Gizela & Gerald Cayen

7:00pm: + Nick Policelli

### Wednesday, September 25, 2024

8:15am: + Felisa Rojas

### Thursday, September 26, 2024

8:15am: In Thanksgiving

### Friday, September 27, 2024

8:15am: + Stasia Aranha & Deceased Members of the Aranha Family

7:00pm: + Peter Quyet

+ Carl Gatchalian

+ Richard Gavlan

+ All Souls

### Saturday, September 28, 2024

8:15am: Alexander Borgiel

5:00pm: + Rosa Di Franco

### Sunday, September 29, 2024

8:30am: + Connie Caponecchia

10:00am: Feliza Garcia

12:00pm: + Gino Palumbo

7:00pm: + Annette Cooray

## 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

When I was a wet-behind-the-ears seminarian, I was sent for an immersion with the poor. For one month, I lived in a home for adults with developmental disabilities. It was a challenge for me because the residents had significant communication issues. A 30-year-old man there named Robin was totally deaf and mute. He had Down's Syndrome. He looked like a Viking, with a shock of red hair and a fine beard. But I felt awkward and disconnected from him. All my normal ways of interacting failed. I resigned myself to the fact that we'd never connect. Then one morning something amazing happened. He was on the living room floor quietly playing with toys. Watching him from a chair, I sensed Jesus' words float into my mind, "**Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me**" (Mark 9:37). I thought, "Jesus, you must somehow be *in* Robin." I sheepishly made sure no one else was in the room, and then I spoke in a clear voice: "Jesus, are you there?" Robin did not turn to me and say, "Hi, John. Yes, it's me, Jesus." He kept playing with his toys in silence. But something changed in *me*. From that moment on, it was easier to just be with Robin, to joke around with him, to try sign-language with him, to let him be himself, and for me to be myself. His "disabilities" were no longer obstacles to overcome. He became just Robin, my friend. Who in your life seems awkwardly distant or uncomfortable to be with? Next time you see him or her, quietly invoke the name of Jesus, and see how the barriers disappear in you. -Fr. John Muir

## Volunteers Needed!

Volunteers are needed for:

- Life Chain
- Youth Ministry (EDGE (Gr. 6-8), Verso L'Alto (high school) and Confirmation Classes. Contact: [dguevarra@archtoronto.org](mailto:dguevarra@archtoronto.org)

We also welcome students in high school who wish to complete their volunteer hours. Email: [stpatricksmi@archtoronto.org](mailto:stpatricksmi@archtoronto.org)

## Needs of the Canadian Church

### Second Collection: Sep 28/29, 2024

This collection allows the Catholic faithful to express their solidarity with their diocese/eparchy, and also promotes an opportunity to support the work of their regional episcopal assembly as well as the national mission of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops.

## Thanksgiving Food Drive

From **September 1<sup>st</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup>**, we will be collecting non-perishable food items for our annual Thanksgiving Food Drive. Please drop off your donations in the designated boxes at the church entrance. Thank you for your support!



### Parish Website

[StPatricksMi.archtoronto.org](http://StPatricksMi.archtoronto.org)

### Email

[StPatricksMi@archtoronto.org](mailto:StPatricksMi@archtoronto.org)

### Youth Website

[stpatricksyouth.com](http://stpatricksyouth.com)

**Please Pray for the Sick...**

Please pray for our parishioners, family and friends who have requested our prayers:

Alessia & Tony Commisso, Tina MacPherson, Damien Chaytor, Humberto Casimiro, Charmaine Menezes, Maria Bizzaro, Thomas Chir-cop, George Blanchette, Sonia Miranda, Suzy Zahra, Marcelle Caruana, Maria Bowman, Paul Celia, Alix Meikle, Raul Soriano, Arnold De Castro, Rosa Santos, Virginia Sevilla, Carole Melbourne, Royston Guilford, Irene Lesniak, Jacintha Fernandes, Andre & Tamara Boaden, Anna Iafraite, Dominic Alvia, Manuel Bienvenido Locsin, Theresa Boutilier, John Ngoc Truong, Maureen Tierney, Bill Cranor, Jocelyn Heydorn, Jose Valle, John Fermin, Jonathan Pinto, Gatsby & Ryen Lung, Fruto Relator, Virginia Torrefranca, Carole Bullock, Russell Hussey, Josie Timko, Pat Mooney, Rhea O'Hara, Sybrea O'Hara, Maria Maddelena, Chris Troughton, Lina Siconolfi, Andre Cartier, Nikola Brodar, Pepito De Souza, Rita Pinto, Luigina Catali, Henryka Zebrowska, Brian Pinto, Mary Jane Elder, Therese Torrefranca, Benedict De Castro, Magellan Tremblay, Roseanne & Bill Bennett, Tessie Morales, Natalie Troughton

**First Reconciliation & Communion**

This year, our classes will be held **IN PERSON**. For more information or to enroll your child, in our Catechism Program, please send an email to [stpatricksmi@archtoronto.org](mailto:stpatricksmi@archtoronto.org)  
More details to follow!

**Confirmation Info Night**

There will be a Confirmation Information Night on **Tuesday October 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:30pm** in the Parish. This meeting is for parents/guardians who wish to have their child confirmed (at least in gr. 7). We will be going over program requirements, the schedule and how to register. If you have any questions, please contact Dave at [dguevarra@archtoronto.org](mailto:dguevarra@archtoronto.org). Thank you!

**Squires Baby Bottle Campaign!**

Birthright Brampton's Annual Baby Bottle Campaign is our main fundraiser. We invite you to participate by signing out a bottle after St. Patrick's, Mississauga. Please take a bottle home and fill it with coins, bills or cheques. **Kindly return your filled bottle the weekend of September 28/29**. Tax receipts will be issued for any donation of \$20.00 or more.

**Blessing of the Animals**

As we continue the tradition of St. Francis of Assisi who saw the presence of God in all creation, we will be blessing your pets, **Saturday, October 5 at 10am** on the Church grounds. So if Fluffy is no longer fluffy and Frisky is too frisky, bring them along to the Church for a blessing! Rain or shine, but we will pray for shine!

**2024 ACTS Retreats**

**Women's Retreat – Oct 3 – 6, 2024**

**Men's Retreat – Oct 31 – Nov 3, 2024**

**Sponsoring Parish: St. Patrick's, Mississauga**  
**Retreat Location:**

Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre - 1617 Blythe Rd., Mississauga, ON

Women's Contact: Debbie Klaudusz (416-824-3197) or [wklaudusz@bell.net](mailto:wklaudusz@bell.net)

Men's Contact: Paul Valtas (905-670-6760) or [pvaltas@dgn-marketing.com](mailto:pvaltas@dgn-marketing.com)

For more info, please visit our website:

[www.actscanada.org](http://www.actscanada.org)

**TMIY—That Man is You!**

We are excited to launch *That Man is You!* – an impactful program designed to address the modern challenges and temptations men face, particularly in their roles as husbands and fathers. **Join us for the kickoff on Wednesday, September 25th, 2024, at 7:00 PM in the Main Hall.** For additional information or any questions, please contact the Parish Office. We look forward to sharing this journey of growth and renewal with you!

**Cor—Sep 25 at 7:30pm**

The men of Knights of Columbus Council No. 12782 are excited to share the implementation of "Cor" which is Latin for heart, a new formation and fraternal opportunity for the men of St. Patrick's parish. **Cor** exists to form and strengthen Catholic men in faith and virtue as missionary disciples by drawing them into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ through prayer, formation, and fraternity. **Cor** will be held at **7:30 PM on, September 25<sup>th</sup>** in the Main Hall. Come join your brother parishioners for coffee and donuts, prayer and fraternity. For information please contact the parish office

**LIFE CHAIN 2024:  
YOU ARE NEEDED!**

Life Chain raises awareness about the injustice of abortion and the inherent dignity of every human life, from conception until natural death. Please join St. Patrick's Parish on **Sunday, October 6 2024, 2-3 PM** at the intersection of Dundas St. and Tomken Road where we will form a "Life Chain" holding signs with messages such as "Abortion Kills Children" and "Adoption: A Loving Option". We will pray silently for one hour while giving witness to our community to protect all human life.

*"Whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me."* (Matt. 25:40)  
Pray and Act.